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JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Fighter Practice	3 Brewers Guild	4 Caerthen Twelfth Night
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19	War Practice (Caerthe)	11
30-	Known World Dance Symposium (Meridies)	
Feb.		
-2	Known World Dance Symposium (Meridies) - continued	
1	Candlemas (Dragonsspine)	16
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22	Shake the Midwinter Blues (Dragonsspine)	
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15	Dance Collegium & Ball (Unser Hafen)	
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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Unto the Populace,

The results of the "Toys for Tots" tourneys are in....Caerthe - 102, al-Barran - 170. While we didn't get the best of them, we did give them a run for their money, and the "Toys for Tots" tournaments are also held in other kingdoms as well giving us the opportunity to shine brighter in the known world. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped put the tournament together and to make it work (and on such short notice too).

Remember we have two War practices for the heavy weapons fighters this month in preparation for the Estrella War. We are planning to have a Caerthen encampment so bring your banners to show off around the camp and be prepared to have fun.

The monthly tournaments will be moving back to the last practice of the month. This means that the tourney will be on the 30th instead of the 2nd. Please make a note of it.

On a more practical note, we are concerned about personal safety for those on the sidelines at fighter practices. Many of us are often interested in watching the fighting, but don't stop to think about the dangers that we ourselves may face? Marshals may not always see the potential hazards and it is incumbent upon each of us to pay attention to our surroundings. As an example, one of the fencers was literally overrun during one the heavy bouts last month. It certainly was not planned, but the thought of an armored fighter falling on a spectator, especially a child, is a very distressing thought. Remember, when the masks and helmets go on, the fighters and fencers are usually paying more attention to their opponents than they are to the spectators. Take your own precautions to ensure your safety, as well as the safety of others.

And finally at 12th Night, we would like to meet with past holders of the Dreamer's Cup at 3:00 P.M.

Congratulations to Lady Amber the Quietest and Lord Larke of the Fletchers, newest Companions of the Order of the Aspen, and Lord Grellan O'Conchobhair, newest Companion of the Order of the Sable Lion of Caerthe.

May the seasons see you well and new year bring you joy. We'll see you at 12th Night.

In Service,

Walter *Fiachra*

FROM THE SENESCHAL

I hope that your holidays were well celebrated and you've plenty of fuel for your hearth!

First a few notes for Autocrats. **Please** make sure that your event forms are completely filled out before you turn them into me. Recently, I've been receiving event forms much too close to the actual date of the event (The week before, in one case). This is unacceptable. At minimum, I should be receiving these forms a month in advance of the event. Actually I should be receiving this form, accompanied by a written estimate, at least **three** months in advance of the date requested. Remember, if I don't have a completed event form to send to the deputy Seneschal and the Kingdom Chronicler, the event will not be on the official Kingdom event calendar. Events not on this calendar are not insured and any precedence carrying awards given at that event, **will not** be recognized as being given.

Additionally, I'm requiring that event forms be completely filled out (specifically regarding site and nearest medical facility addresses and phone numbers) before I will accept them. I realize that in some cases we've used some sites repeatedly and that it would seem that I could simply look at my files to find this info, but our newest form requires information that was never asked for before. Though I do not have to do any event form copying and mailing, I voluntarily take this responsibility upon myself to not only make the Autocrating experience easier, but to encourage autocrating by eliminating a few of the steps; however, I <u>am not</u> doing research on just about every new form I receive. I believe in serving the populace and the SCA in general, but I will not pass this extra duty on to my eventual successor. A person who wishes to be entrusted with Baronial funds should be responsible enough to supply the required information on his/her event registration form.

A kind reminder to all College and Canton Autocrats, please have your event forms signed by @ respective Seneschal **and** the Baron/ess. My signature is not needed for College or Canton events, so please do not give me these specific forms.

Autocrats again, please do some form of "wrap up" article for your event. I do not require wrap up reports at populace, but I do need some way to reference the outcome for your event for my doomsday report. They don't have to be elaborate. Just the facts and possibly a list of volunteers will do nicely!

Demo Autocrats, please get approval of hosting group, before you do any kind of live steel displays.

I'd also like to thank Mistress Aurora, Lord Hoegaarden and everyone who attended and participated in Baronial Yule. It was an excellent event!

Lastly, our Kingdom Earl Marshall, Sir Jalut, wishes to step down. Please sent copies of all letters of interest to him and to the Crown as well.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In Service to the populace and the dream,

Roland O'Rourke

Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.
Barony of Caerthe Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward	November 1, 1996		$8,069.72
Expenses:			
Ch# 1250	Fencing gear	$ 549.01	
Ch# 1251	Baronial Yule - site	50.00	
Ch# 1252	Void	0.00	
Ch# 1253	Water bearer supplies	30.00	
Ch# 1254	Barony of Dragonsspine [1]	90.00	
Ch# 1255	Barony of Unser Hafen [2]	326.00	
Ch# 1256	Kingdom of Outlands [3]	200.00	
Ch# 1257	Officers Party - site	55.00	
Ch# 1258	Culinary A&S - food	280.00	
Ch# 1259	Twelfth Night - food	500.00	
Ch# 1260	Twelfth Night - supplies	150.00	
Ch# 1261	Culinary A&S - supplies	99.75	
Ch# 1262	Culinary A&S - supplies	90.41	
Ch# 1263	Twelfth Night - insurance	40.00	
Ch# 1264	War Practice - insurance	40.00	
Ch# 1265	Donation to Colo. Nat'l Guard	350.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	$2,850.17	
Income:			
	Twelfth Night	$1,474.00	
	Schola - Changing Colors	396.86	
	Calligraphers	92.50	
	Culinary A&S	419.00	
	Donations [4]	82.85	
	TOTAL INCOME	$2,850.17	
Ending Balance	November 30, 1996		$7,684.76

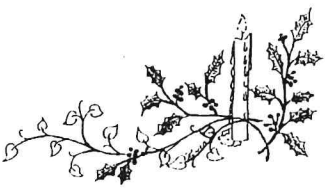
[1] 1/3 profit from Field of Gold
[2] 1/3 profit from Field of Gold plus reimbursement of food
[3] profit from Queen's Prize
[4] Archers = $8.85, Fighters = $24.00, Fencers = $15.00, Cooks = $35.00

Written for the information of the Barony of Caerthe

Marguerite

Monies held in account for:

Cooks Guild	$ 359.26
Armorers	43.32
Fencers	123.05
Fighters	100.06
Calligraphers	301.74
Archers	158.08
College	0.00
Equestrians	95.87



From the Chronicler

TRIBUTE TO A DOG

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wind and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

-Senator George Vest, 1870

Grendel 1991-1996

On behalf of Crispin and myself, I'd like to thank all the wonderful people who have shown us such kindness and understanding lately. Without that kind of caring, the SCA would not be the incredible organization that it is today.

In Service,

MEG

From the Herald

Congratulations to our newest Aspens, Amber the Quietest and Larke of the Fletchers, and to our newest Sable Lion, Grellan O'Conchobhair.

In case anyone is interested, the Kingdom level awards, and what they are for, is listed in the back of the Special "Red Tape Issue" of the OH.

There will be no Heraldry meeting in January, mainly because the first Wednesday happens to fall on New Year's Day.

In Service,
Richenda

UNIVERSITY OF CAERTHE

This month the University of Caerthe is honored to welcome Professor Emeritus John Hoag, art historian, who will be speaking on the fall of Constantinople and its subsequent history as capitol of the Ottoman Empire. The talk is entitled: "Constantinople, City of the Sultans". Professor Hoag has a number of slides of the ancient city and its art, and will relate its history through its changing styles of jewelry, paintings, textiles and architecture.

We will meet at 7:30 P.M., January 22, the fourth Wednesday of the month, at the home of Bernice of Brittany -- 3495 Newland, Wheat Ridge. All are encouraged to attend. For further information, call Mistress Bernice, 233-9558, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444-5004. Period garb is optional, but encouraged. Mistress Bernice's son plans to make a professional quality videotape of the talk, so let's do our best to help out.

PERFORMING ARTS GUILD

Thanks to all who helped the Yule sing-a-long work out so well!! There was fine music heard by all and many people thanked us for the opportunity to join in.

January's Guild meeting will be held at a new site. This will be the home of Padriac, our large and friendly fellow Guild member. He has graciously offered to lend us the use of his home every other month to accommodate the large number of people who have been attending the meetings. We are still looking for another site as well, as my home has proven to be a bit cramped for the whole group. Anyone who knows of an available site that could hold 20+ people please feel free to contact me.

January's meeting will have 2 classes. Padriac will be doing his story-telling class (postponed from Dec.) and Grellan has promised to teach a class on beginning percussion, everything from simple tambourine to showing Bohran drumming. We have a teacher for magic and juggling now so there will classes for those arts very soon.

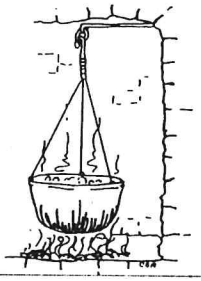
If you have any questions contact: Lord Frederick: home 985-7590 - Fax 985-7360 - ross@nilenet.com

Directions to January's Performing Arts meeting:
Make your best way to Wadsworth Blvd. and Coalmine Ave.
Go east to the low brick walls which read "Terraces at Columbine".
Go South to the dead end then West to 7560a Coalmine.
Padriac: 933-0031

Scribe's Guild Field Trip!!!

Norlin Library in Boulder is putting together a special selection of calligraphed and illuminated works for us to examine up close. The special showing will take place on the evening of Monday, January 13. There is space for only 20 people so please call Wyndylyn (680-1583) and reserve your space.

Carpooling and meeting times will be arranged after 12th Night. Cameras and camcorders are welcome.



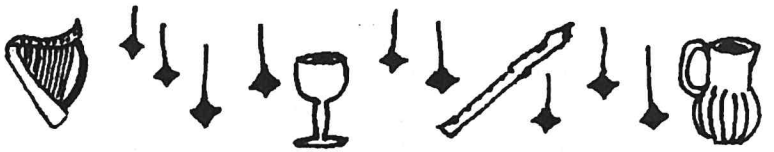
JANUARY COOKS' GUILD

The Caerthen Cooks' Guild will meet on Sunday, January 12th, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mistress Kate, 910 Milwaukee Street. Please bring Chinese food or dim sum to share.

Garb preferred, but not required. Contact Mistress Kate at 322-1907 with any questions.

Recorder Class Reminder

As usual recorder classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. We will be meeting on the 13th and 27th to play. As always, anyone is welcome to attend, no matter what their level of musical experience. Classes are held at 864 S. Pecos St. in Denver. If you have any questions or need directions, call Crispin at 727-9709 or Thomas at 937-0871.



Textiles Guild

The January meeting will be on the 8th. No agenda is planned. We need ideas for projects, presentations, etc. Please come and give us your ideas.

We start at 7:00pm, at 5015 Beach Ct. Please call (or e-mail) if you have any questions/comments; Lady Cecelia, e/433-0132 or d/556-2270 (Mary), mconley@castle.cudenver.edu.

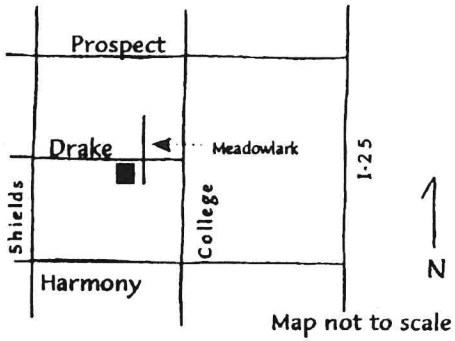
Winter Oasis II

January 11
Unser Hafen

Discover a warm retreat from the chill of winter, by attending a night of middle eastern entertainment. The improvisational dancing and drumming will provide a respite from the cold nights for all who wish to participate or to enjoy the sights and sounds. There will be a pot-luck snack table. All food and drink donations will be welcome, however, **no meat may be brought into the building** because it is a Jewish synagogue. Free free to bring rugs, pillows, chairs, and candles to create a festive middle eastern atmosphere.

Site opens at 7:00 pm
Site is dry (no alcohol)
No no pets allowed on site
Site fee is $2.00

The event is at the
Congregation Har Shalom
725 West Drake
It is on the south side of Drake, just west of Meadowlark.



Directions:
From I-25 take Harmony exit west, turn north (right) on College, west (left) on Drake, pass Meadowlark and turn left into parking lot.

For further information contact: Lady Phaedra at (970) 482-8323.

FOR SALE

Four-man L.L. Bean tent (almost straight walls to 5'6" ceiling), with rain fly, ventilation (door or window) on all four sides, and includes stakes and ropes. Used once. Original price $400. Asking $175.

Canon BJ10e black/white portable bubble jet printer with carrying case and automatic paper feed. Includes extra ink cartridge. Asking $50.

Contact Lady Alfretha at 650-6676.

Archery Practice — Outdoors

Archery practice is being held every Sunday, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, weather permitting. Donations are requested of archery equipment that you are not using.
Please call Larke of Fletcher at 639-1164 for directions and whether or not it will be held.

Archery Practice — Indoors

When: 7-9 pm on the 3rd Monday of every month
Where: A-1 Archery 403-0872
9510 West 58th Avenue in Arvada
(58th & Independence next to Urban Cowgirl)
Cost: $5.00

If you have your own gear bring it, if not I do have some loaner gear. Come out and get ready for tourney season. If you have any questions please call Ivan at 940-7746.

Equestrian Guild

We have decided to be inactive during the winter months of unpredictable weather. We will resume with a planning meeting on March 2, 1997. The group in Unser Hafen will still be meeting, please contact Regan for carpool information — 366-3292.

War Practice

Plan now to attend one or both of our January War Practices. The first will be the Sunday after 12th Night, the second 2 weeks later. Come and join with other noble fighters and sharpen your group combat skills. The site is the same as last year, indoors with lights, heat, and a forgiving dirt floor (for those who die). Membership and authorization cards will be checked.

When: January 5th & 19st, 1997 10:00am - 5:00pm

Where: Jefferson County Fairgrounds, General purpose building, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO. DRY SITE!

Fee: Brass Bowl

Directions: (See 12th Night Map) General Purpose Building is the first on the right.

Contact: Lady Cecelia Corr Mhaire (Mary Conley) 433-0132, 556-2270, mconley@castle.cudenver.edu.

CAERTHEN TWELFTH NIGHT
JEFFERSON CO. FAIRGROUNDS. JAN. 4th, 1997

Their Excellencies, Walter and Fiachra, would like to invite you to 12th night. This year to be held at the castle of Mistress Mirianna Wrenne and Lady Gabrielle Cartier (the castle is mundanely known as Jefferson Co. fairgrounds). We will be celebrating the New Year as an English Country Festival. Mirianna lives in 1450's England, but you can pick your own time period.

Lady Gabrielle, a Chef Extraordinaire, from our sister country of France, is preparing a feast featuring English fare throughout the centuries. The menu includes; Hot spiced apple cider, cheese, spiced honey, breads, Devonshire Chicken, glazed carrots, spiced spinach, Barthlomas Beef, a pickle platter including beets, mushrooms, eggs, and a dessert Buffet. (All subject to change, a full menu will be available at the door). off board seating is limited so please specify that you want it in your reservation. If you have any allergies, or special food requirements let the chef know before the 1st of December. As of this writing, this is a DRY SITE! that means any gifts of alcohol must be sealed and put away ASAP. If you are interested in entertaining during the feast let me know in advance so I can work up a schedule. Any special requirements, such as music box or light, etc. let me know as well. Check at the door for sign up sheet.

There will be children's activities during the day. All parents must volunteer one hour of the day at the children's area! Lady Caterina is working on a lot of great ideas for them. Please bring a snack to share for each child. There will be a sign up sheet at the door.

During the day we will be practicing the dances for later that night. Games and puzzles will be available for use all day and evening. Lady Arwen is working on some period card games, rules and instructions will be available from the Caerthen scribes guild for a nominal fee. I am thinking of having some classes during the day but that depends on space and time. Contests to go on all day are: Best Garb for male, female and child, early, middle and late period. Best accessorizing to garb (hats, shoes, gloves, etc.). Best place setting or table decorations. Best promissory blank A.O.A. scroll for kingdom, and best blank Baronial scroll for aspen, gilded leaf etc. There will also be a contest sponsored by Master Daffyth of Emmett: Best example of a period picture that looks like someone who is part of the SCA today (need to show a picture of both).

Reservations November 1st to November 30th are, site $9.00, site and feast

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$18.00 for adults. Children: S & under are free, 6-10 site only $3.00, site and feast $6.00, 11-14 site only $3.00, site and feast $10.00. Reservations December 1st to the 21st (cutoff!): site $11.00, site and feast $22.00. Children: 5 & under free, 6-10 site $4.00, site and feast $7.00, 11-14 site $4.00, site and feast $11.00. Phone reservations will be accepted but must be confirmed with payment within two weeks or forfeited. (Your name will go onto the waiting list on a first come basis.) Please include a complete list of both Society and Mundane names with the reservation payment. Checks should be made payable to SCA-Caerthe and must include your society name and group.

-Donations of Prizes will be gratefully accepted anytime between now and the event. We are also looking for volunteers to help setup and cleanup, as servers, teachers for classes, etc. There will be work parties at Caerthen fighter practice to create the panorama walls for the Barony's constant use, the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of November and December. If you have artistic talent or just want to play with paint, please join us. Contact Mirianna or Lady Isabel for information.

A procession into court is being planned, If you wish to do so please have a list of your full name and titles for a 5x8 card.

SCHEDULE:

Site opens at 10:00 am

set up and decoration of the hall 11:00 am:

Classes start, dancing and any others that get planned.

Children's activities start.

Board and card games will be available for use.

Display of scrolls and arts and sciences table.

Display of Master Daffyth's contest opens.

12:00PM:

A light lunch will be served. (Lunch included in site fee)

1:00PM:

Classes, etc., continue.

2:00PM:

Depending on the Crown and Coronet, may be set up for court.

3:00PM:

Children's activities end, set up for feast.

Court? And procession.

4:00PM:

Feast starts.

7:00pm -7:30 PM:

Feast ends. Set up for dancing.

Children's Activities continue.

Court continues?

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9:00PM:
Children's activities end.
10:00PM:
Dancing ends, clean up begins.
(Any and all help will be very much appreciated)
11:00PM:
Site closes.

Merchants Contact:
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Denver, CO 80236
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Mail reservations to:
Lady Marguerite d'Isere
c/o Pearl Marquez
1604 South Raleigh St.
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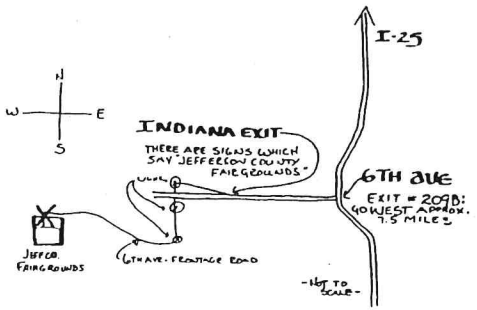
Autocrat, Phone/email reservations
Mistress Mirianna Wrenne
c/o Valerie Oswald 1645 Valentia St.
Denver, CO 80220
(303) 394-4003
e-mail: thortman@abwam.com
contact me for crash space also.

Directions to the site are, Take your best route to I-25 and 6th avenue exit. Go west on 6th to the Indiana exit, left on Indiana to the first traffic light that you can turn right on. Then left into the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. There will be signs.



Caerthen Building Fund Board of Trustees

January 13, 1997

The members of the Board of Trustees will have their quarterly meeting on the third Monday of the month. The members at this time are Johann of the Northern Moors, Cecelia Corr Mhaire, Marguerite d'Isere, William Petheram, Roland O'Rourke, and our newest members, Kseniya Morskaya and Taryn Brannick. Any member of the populace is welcome to attend the meeting.

Will will meet the new home of Lady Taryn at 647 Knox Court: from Federal take 8th Ave west and follow the curve to Knox, or from Federal take 1st Ave west to Knox then north to house. Call Lady Taryn if you have questions as 893-4816.

Caerthen Directory

The new directory is finished. Copies will be available beginning at Twelfth Night. Planned cost will be no more than one dollar ($1.00).

FORTRESS AND BUILDING FUND BENEFIT REVEL
March 29, 1997

Come one, come all to the Fortress and Building Fund Benefit Revel! Come support your newsletter and help to build a dream. Site TBA. We are seeking donations of an SCA-related nature (food, garb, feast gear, etc). You may drop them off at the autocrats' home or bring them to the event.

1. Chain Mail Coif	Lord Johann
2. Sword	Lord Johann
3. Poppy Seed Cakes	Lady Kseniya
4. Fudge	Lady Kseniya

Questions, offers of assistance or donations may be directed to the autocrats: Johann & Kseniya (Melissa & Brian Morman), 4725 West Quincy #1513, Denver, CO 80236; 730-7438.

Candlemas

February 1

Join Ye in the Crusades, Be Ye Sinner, Saint, or Saracen!

Come forth all ye of bravehearts, quick wits, and strong arms, for Dragonsspine holds its annual Candlemas, Saturday, Feb. 1, at Sallie Bush Community Center. Join us as we celebrate the Crusades in fun, competitions, and merriment. This year's feast will be prepared by Baroness Miranda and the Cooks Guild of Dragonsspine. Feast is Italian Renaissance (the end of the Crusades) and is limited to 100, so get your reservations in early. Send reservations to the autocrat, Lady Ayslynn.

Menu (including but not limited to):
Stuffed eggs

Bollito Verduri (Beef and vegetables in green sauce) Linguini al Limone (Pasta in lemon sauce)
Polo (Chicken stuffed with rice, fruit, and pine nuts) Torte di Spinacia (Spinach pie)
In Salata (Salad)
Panforte (Fruit, nut, and spice cake)

As always, please indicate any special dietary needs at the time of reservation.

Fees:

Site and Feast for paid reservations by Jan. 15 $10.00 Site fee after Jan. 15 and at door $4.00
Feast fee after Jan. 15 if available $9.00

Smalls 12 and under: No site fee, feast 1/2 price.
RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!
Directions: Take I-25 to Colorado Springs. Take exit 141 (Hwy 24 west) and continue on until the second Green Mountain Falls exit. Turn left and follow signs.

Site opens: 10 am
Site closes: 10 pm
Court at the discretion of Their Majesties and the Coronets of Dragonsspine

Competitions

Heavy weapons (list opens at 11:00)

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Fencing (List opens at 11:00)

Children's activities hosted by Lady Lydia Garb Competition : An award will be presented for best garb using purple from any period of the Crusades (all approximately 400 years of them). Emphasis on the purple.

If there is enough snow, martial competitions will become snow ball fights between fencers and heavy weapons fighters with recruits from any one wishing to participate. If it is just too cold to fight outside, martial competitions will beheld indoors with a modified format.

Vendors are welcome but please remember space is limited. A donation to the prize pool will serve as a vendor's fee. If inclement weather forces the fencing and fighting indoors, you may have to be pushed back up against the walls.

Crash space can be arranged.

Unaccompanied minors must have a medical power of attorney, a statement designating someone over 21 on site as acting guardian, to include the name of the event, location, name of designated adult, date of the event, and signed minor waiver.

For more information, contact the autocrat:

Lady Ayslynn merch Guincatan (Pat Coleman)
3451 Queen Anne Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80917 (719) 597-4944
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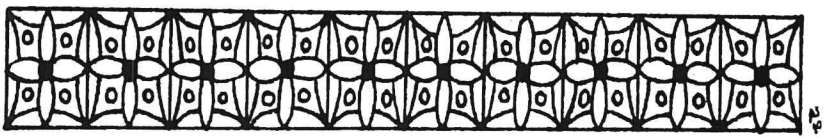
As Dragonsspine's Baronial Arts and Science Competition will be run in conjunction with Candlemas, please see that article for additional competitions and categories.



BARONIAL QUILT

New assignments of quilt squares are now being given out. Please contact Lady Cecelia if you would like to do one — c/433-0132 or d/556-2270 (Mary), email: meonley@castle.cudenver.edu.

DRAGONSSPINE ARTS & SCIENCES COMPETITION AT CANDLEMAS

The title says it all --- except for categories, which will be: Calligraphy; Illumination; Metalwork (armor, weapons, jewelry); Fabric (spinning/weaving, garb, embroidery); Leather (armor, garb, decoration); comestibles (food, drink); Performing Arts (song, music [vocal/instrumental], skits, dance), and Other.

All may enter the competition with the highest placing Dragonsspintan becoming Baronial Champion. There will be several prizes offered.

We have moved our A&S competition to Candlemas to avoid conflict with Coronation. We expect to return to our original November weekend next year. Watch for notice.

Lady Ayslyn has graciously agreed to provide space for this competition at Candlemas. To return the favor, we will try to be prompt and concise. The site opens at 10 am, whence A&S entries will be accepted. Judging will start at 11:30 and be completed by 2:30*, with tear-down completed by 3:30 to allow feast set-up.

* Performing Arts will occur from 4:00 - 5:00, followed by Court.

If there are any questions regarding the competition, please contact Duchess Selene of the Sky, c/o Penny Tegen, 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3832, (719) 597-5259.

PS: I need judges! Please volunteer.

Artists of the Outlands Calendars

Now is the time to get your Artists of the Outlands Calendars for holiday gifts. Calendars should be available from any of the Building fund board members at events, or contact a member directly. Board: Johann of the Northern Moors, Marguerite d'Isere, William Petheram of Somerset, Cecelia Corr Mhaire, Roland O'Rourke.

Engineer's Feast

February 28, 1997

Come one, come all (or at least the first 80!) to the greatest feast at the Colorado School of Mines. Held on Friday, February 28, 1997 at 6:00 pm, the Engineer's feast will be in Friedhoff Hall. There will be fun, food, games, dancing, and a surprise that you will never forget. It will be a Persian Feast so wear your best and join in the fun. Now for the legals. It will cost $8 per person with no off-board seating. All reservations must be paid within two weeks or they will be forfeited, make checks payable to CSM-SCA.

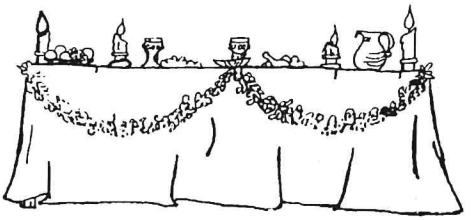
Reservations:

phone: 384-2194
mail: SCA—Colorado School of Mines
Golden CO 80401
email: bwolf@mines.edu

For dietary restrictions contact Iain MacGhuille Moire:

phone: 699-7016
email: cmorris@earthlink.net

This will be a dry site and candles are allowed as long as they are enclosed in glass.



Calendar Art Wanted

We need you for the next (1998) Artists of the Outlands Calendar. This is your chance to have your work published where non-SCA people will see it; hanging in offices and homes of SCA gentles, or given as gifts.

Calendar art requirements: Black and White only for 1998; Horizontal orientation; Manageable size that will reduce or enlarge well to 8.5 x 11 inches; Originals or high quality near professional grade prints only

The deadline for submissions for the 1998 calendar is March 31, 1997.

Send submissions to:

Caerthen Building Fund Calendar 1998
c/o Mary Conley
5015 Beach Ct.
Denver, CO 80221

LOST AND FOUND FROM FIELDS OF GOLD

Lost

- Silver crucifix (means a great deal to the owner, please contact me if found)
- SCA XXX Celebration medallion

Found

- Small white glass bowl
- Large clear glass bowl with gold decorations
- Red Coors cooler
- Camp stool with red canvas seat
- Key with green top
- Black decorative comb with red and gold decorated braid pattern
- Large and small roll of duct tape
- Hairbrush with red elastic wrapped around it
- Small silver dagger with stag decoration on hilt
- Three Hawks site token
- White cord lacing
- Shield shaped piece of scale armor
- Small pewter mug
- Polished pewter mug
- Pewter mug with ridges
- Black Caerthen mug
- Heart shaped button

Green tent stake

If you have lost or found any of these items, please contact:

Caelainn ingen Muiredag
(Kristen Murray-Todd)
phone: (303) 287-6963
email: kristenm@ile.com

FLAVORED VODKAS

Flavored vodkas are very simple to make, and very tasty. You can use just about anything you can think of as a f flavoring. I tend to prefer fruit flavors, but I've tasted quite good pepper and basil vodkas.

To Make Raspberry Vodka

1 bottle good-quality vodka (I recommend Stolichnaya)
Pint raspberries

Wash the raspberries and put them in a glass jar or glass wine carafe. Pour the vodka over all. Cover the receptacle. Allow to sit at room temperature for at least 24 hours. The vodka will turn a soft pink color. Strain the contents of the jar; set the raspberries aside. Put the strained vodka into a bottle, close and store in the freezer. (You can eat the raspberries if you like; be warned, soused raspberries go a long way!)

Vodkas should always be stored in the freezer; they are best served very cold. You can vary how much or how little flavoring you like; these are very adaptable to personal taste.

Ideas for other vodkas

-Lemon or orange (use the peel of one lemon or orange and be sure that all the white is scraped off, or your vodka will taste very bitter)
-Cranberry
-Herb (basil, dill)

Experiment and enjoy!

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Art Credits

Mistress Mirianna	Cover, 20
Mistress Rowen	6, 9 center
Lady Meghan	7, 19
Lady Arwen	8, 10, 15, 17, 18
Mistress Kate	9 bottom
Mistress Keridwen	11

Canton of Hawk's Hollow

The Canton of Hawk's Hollow is a subsidiary branch of the Barony of Caerthe located in the northern metropolitan area including the cities of Westminster, Thornton, Northglenn, and Commerce City.

Populace meetings are held on the 1st Friday of each month at 7:30pm. Children and friends are encouraged to attend.

Directions: I-25 north to Thornton Pkwy, west on Pkwy to Pecos (about 1.5 mi), north on Pecos to 1st left. (.4 mi in to Redwood Estates, .2 mi to stop sign) Clubhouse on the NW corner.

Fighter practice The practice of the Canton is held with Caerthe's practice. See Baronial listing.

Canton Officers

Seneschal
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(Kristen Murray-Todd) 287-6963
email: kristenm@ile.com

Knight Marshall
Lord Grellan O'Conchobhair
(Charles Murray-Todd) 287-6963

Hospitaller
Lord Atai Ichitaro no Kubiakai
(or Eoin Macrae)
(Eric Tillotson) 464-0289
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Light Weapons Marshall (Acting)
Lord Larke of Fletcher
(Daniel Wickersham) 639-1164

Herald
Lord Eric Morrison of Thistlekeep
(David Swayze) 452-0717

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Lady Ailinn Shadowfox
(Karen Swayze) 452-0717

Arts & Sciences (Acting)
Lady Caterina Fregoso
(Karen French) 438-0632

Sheriff (Acting)
Seamus MacGregor
(Aaron Stadler) 759-5739

Archery Marshall (Acting)
Ivan Alsander MacOrin
(Christopher MacOrin) 940-7746

Schola Metallorum

(Incipient College)

The College of Schola Metallorum is another subsidiary branch of the Barony and is associated with the Colorado School of Mines in Golden.

Populace meetings are held every 2 weeks. Call the Seneschal for details.

Fighter practice Tuesdays at 6:00pm at Kafadar Commons (good weather) or Mines Fieldhouse (poor weather).

College Officers

Seneschal
Lord Markus von Rinzenberg
(Christoph Mills) 384-9527
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Barony of Caerthe
Meetings, Practices, Guilds & Miscellany

Populace Meeting

7:30 pm-First Mondays at the Aurora National Guard Armory at 55 Potomac St. in Aurora. (Same site as fighter practice, downstairs.) Contact Lord Roland at 341-5765.

Fighter Practice

Heavy Weapons-6:30pm each Thursday at the Aurora National Guard Armory on Potomac. Contact Lord John Swinford at 364-5004.

Fencing-same as above. Contact Lady Angelique at 428-7754.

Archery-1 to 4pm on Sundays at 4860 Joliet St. weather permitting. Call Lord Larke at 639-1164 to confirm.

Guilds, Classes, & Meetings

Armorers' Guild — Contact Lord John Swinford 364-5004.

Autocrats Guild — 3rd Thursdays at the fighter practice site. Contact Roland at 341-5765.

Belly Dancing Guild — No regular meetings, but private lessons are available. Contact Triana at 252-0788.

Boffer Guild — 6:30pm 2nd Thursdays at fighter practice site. Contact Lord Zachariah at 322-1907.

Brewers Guild — 1st Fridays at 7:00pm before the Hawks Hollow Populace Meeting (see Canton listing for address & directions.) For more info call Stasia at 940-7746.

Bridgit's Bards — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 8:00pm 2365 S. Franklin. Contact Mistress Vivien at 777-6759-Please call first!

Calligraphers, Illuminators & Illustrators Guild — 2nd & 3rd Mondays 7pm at 15912 East Lehigh Circle. Contact Wyndylyn at 680-1583.

College of Bardic Arts — Contact Mistress Aleen, 777-9364. Events include quarterly bardic circles.

Cooks Guild — Contact Mistress Katherine Holford at 322-1907, 910 Milwaukee St. Denver. Bake sale 2nd Thursdays at fighter practice.

Costumers Guild — 2nd Tuesday, 2435 S. Franklin. Contact Mistress Aleen 777-9364. 7:30 pm.

Dancing Classes — 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays 7pm at 15912 East Lehigh Circle. Contact Wyndylyn at 680-1583.

Equestrian Guild — 1st Sundays at 7 pm at 2860 Humboldt. Call 294-0266 (Mark or Tangwystel) for directions. For information: Regan at 344-0600 or 366-3292. Riding opportunities: Gegu at 752-3137.

Hack & Slash Sewing Circle & Mercenary Gossip Mongers Society — 1st Tuesdays at 7:00pm-Lady Rhiannon Wild Heart 15951 E. 13th Place #210, Aurora 344-9290.

Heraldry Meeting — 1st Wednesdays at 1645 Valentia St. Denver. Call Lady Richenda at 455-6728 for info or Lady Gabrielle or Mistress Mirianna at 394-4003 for directions.

Herbalists Guild — 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm at Mistress Aleen's, 2435 S. Franklin St Denver 777-9364.

Hospitallers Guild — If you have any interest in assisting with the Hospitaller's office, contact Lord Gavin of Birnam Wood at 969-9598.

Hypothetical Music Makers Meeting — 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. For information call Vivien or Rowen at 777-6759.

Performing Arts Guild — 2nd Fridays. Contact Lord Frederick at 985-7590 (email ross@nilenet.com) for info.

Recorder Classes — 2nd & 4th Mondays 7-9pm at 864 S. Pecos St. Denver. Call Crispin at 727-9709 or Thomas at 937-0871 for more information or directions.

Scots Gaelic Study Group — 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, 2465 South Franklin Street, Denver. Call Mistress Rowen at 777-6759 for information.

Textiles Guild — 2nd Wednesdays at 5015 Beach, Denver. Call Lady Cecelia at 433-0132

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